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U.S. Patent References:

No.	Issued	Inventor (s)	Title
3,147,506	9/8/64	Williams	Wiper Arm-to-Blade Connector Support
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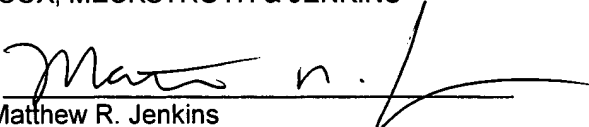
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